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REPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed June 3, 2003. Applicant elects Group I: Claims 1-6 and 11-17, drawn to a lens device that is driven over a zoom interval by driving control means specifically for that purpose, classified in class 348, subclass 240.3.

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Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims 7-10 and 18-20.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

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